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ASSURANCES OF VALIDITY OF DANISH PASSPORTS FOR  
NON-IMMIGRANT VISA PURPOSES

REF

(A) SECTION 212(A)(26)

(B) 22 CFR 41.112, NOTE 1

(C) DEPARTMENT'S OM, VISAS: OPERATIONS, SAME SUBJECT,  
APRIL 1, 1966

SUMMARY. EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE DISCUSSED  
POSSIBLE LANGUAGE TO BE USED IN DNI XAVC  
UXWN SIX MONTHS OF PASSPORT  
EXPIRY. THE BACKGROUND OF THIS MATTER AS WELL AS THE LANGUAGE  
OF A PROPOSED DANISH NOTE ARE SUBMITTED HEREIN FOR CONSIDERATION  
AND APPROVAL IN ADVANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, LEGAL SECTION  
(BENT CHRISTENSEN), EMBASSY HAS EXPLORED POSSIBILITY OF  
OBTAINING ASSURANCES THAT DANISH CITIZENS BEARING DANISH NATIONAL  
PASSPORTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO DENMARK IF THEY RETURN HERE  
WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER EXPIRATION DATE OF THEIR PASSPORTS.  
EMBASSY BELIEVES PREVIOUS EFFORTS IN THIS CONNECTION IN  
1956, 1961, 1966 (SEE REF C) FOUNDERED ON COMBINATION  
OF SEMANTIC AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY NOW BE OVERCOME.  
THIS IS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE BECAUSE ICELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN,  
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AND FINLAND HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES SATISFACTORY TO DEPARTMENT.

3. AS BACKGROUND, EMBASSY NOTES THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT ISSUES THREE TYPES OF PASSPORTS: (A) NATIONAL PASSPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE USED BY RESIDENTS OF GREENLAND AND FAEROE ISLAND, ISSUED ONLY TO DANISH CITIZENS, (B) ALIEN PASSPORTS AND (C) REFUGEE PASSPORTS. TYPES (B) AND (C) ARE ONLY ISSUED TO PERSONS WHO ARE STATELESS OR DO NOT POSSESS DANISH NATIONALITY, BUT WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED ONE OR ANOTHER FORM OF RESIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY AND REPRESENT ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PASSPORTS ISSUED BY DANES. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO OMIT TYPES (B) AND (C) FROM CONSIDERATION IN PASSPORT ASSURANCES ISSUE AND CONFINE ITS APPLICABILITY EXCLUSIVELY REPEAT EXCLUSIVELY TO TYPE (A). UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BEARERS OF TYPES (B) AND (C) APPLYING FOR NIVS ARE ALWAYS PROCESSED UNDER DIFFERENT CRITERIA THAN REGULAR DANISH CITIZENS AND, AS A MATTER OF POST POLICY, ARE NEVER ISSUED NIVS UNLESS, INTER ALIA, SUCH A TRAVEL DOCUMENT HAS A VALIDITY OF MUCH LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS. FURTHER, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT COULD BE AGAINST US INTERESTS TO OBTAIN A DANISH COMMITMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ASSURANCES FOR TYPES (B) AND (C).

4. EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WHICH FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMALLY AGREED IT COULD USE IN A NOTE GIVING ASSURANCES ON THIS ISSUE. MINJUSTICE HAS ALSO ACCEPTED THIS WORDING:

"IN REPLY TO NOTE NO..... OF ..... FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEREBY WISHES TO ASSURE THE EMBASSY THAT DANISH CITIZENS (INCLUDING THOSE LIVING IN GREENLAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS) BEARING DANISH NATIONAL PASSPORTS WHICH HAVE EXPIRED WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THEIR RETURN TO DENMARK ARE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO READMISSION TO DENMARK. IT MAY FURTHER BE STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH DANISH CITIZENS HAVE LOST THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS THEIR RIGHT TO READMISSION TO DENMARK IS UNIMPAIRED BY THAT FACT."

5. BEFORE INITIATING AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER SUCH A NOTE WILL PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES SO THAT REF. B CAN BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE DENMARK.

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